

Restriction requirement is appropriate in accordance with the first sentence of 35 U.S.C. § 121, only if the groups of claims are both “independent and distinct.” In the present case, the embodiments illustrated in Figures 22 and 24-26 are inter-related and not “independent and distinct,” and therefore it is respectfully submitted that the restriction was inappropriate. For example, independent apparatus claim 1 and independent method claim 22 are generic claims that cover the embodiment illustrated in Figures 22 and 24-26. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement be withdrawn at least for the embodiments illustrated in Figures 22 and 24-26.

CONCLUSION

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with Marking to Show Changes Made.”** If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant’s undersigned representative at (213) 689-5176 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please cancel claims 46 and 47 without prejudice.

Please add claims 48-52 as follows:

-- 48. (New) An apparatus for transporting a cycle, comprising:

a first cradle bar adapted to associate with a side of first and second wheels of a cycle along a longitudinal axis;

a second cradle bar adapted to associate with an opposite side of the first and second wheels of the cycle along the longitudinal axis;

a first front chock adapted to associate with a front side of the first wheel and adapted to associate with the first and second cradle bars;

a first rear chock adapted to associate with a back side of the second wheel and adapted to associate with the first and second cradle bars;

a first dolly adapted to couple to the first and second cradle bars in front of the first wheel to lift the first wheel off a ground; and

a second dolly adapted to couple to the first and second cradle bars in back of the second wheel to lift the second wheel off the ground.

49. (New) The apparatus according to claim 48, where the first dolly and the second dolly each has an actuator and a pair of arms, each of the arms having a pivotal end and a free end, the pivotal end of each of the arms pivotally coupled to the actuator.

50. (New) The apparatus according to claim 48, further including a second front chock adapted to associate with a back side of the first wheel.

51. (New) The apparatus according to claim 48, further including a second rear chock adapted to associate with a front side of the second wheel.

52. (New) An apparatus for transporting a cycle, comprising:
means for lifting a first wheel of a cycle off a ground;
means for lifting a second wheel of a cycle off the ground; and
means for transporting the cycle onto a back-bed of a tow truck.--